

MARICOPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTE BOOK

February 19, 2002

The Board of Directors of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, Arizona, convened at 11:15 a.m., February 19, 2002, in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, tenth floor, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Max Wilson, and Mary Rose Wilcox. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Connie Copeland, Administrative Coordinator. David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PRIORITIES FOR FY 2002-2003

Discussion of the Flood Control District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Priorities for FY 2002-2003. (C49020398) (ADM1900)

Mike Ellegood, General Manager, Flood Control District (FCD), described the declining number of projects in the Flood Control CIP from 1999 to 2003 due to rising costs. Mr. Ellegood reviewed six new projects: Arlington School Acquisition; Skunk Creek Low Flow Channel in Peoria; Elliot Channel, east of Crismon in Mesa; Sunland Springs/Siphon Draw in Mesa; Skunk Creek Floodprone Property Acquisition; and Doubletree Ranch Road Drainage System, in Paradise Valley. Mr. Ellegood explained that the City of Peoria requested the Skunk Creek project, and they agreed to be responsible for the maintenance of the Channel as part of their financial share.

Mr. Ellegood outlined continuing major projects for FY 2002-2003 which included: Guadalupe Flood Control Project, in Guadalupe; Laveen Area Conveyance Channel, in Phoenix; 43rd Avenue/Southern Basin, in Phoenix; Elliot Basin and Channel, in Mesa; Bethany Home Outfall Channel, in the Glendale/Phoenix communities; Bullard Wash Channel/Basins, Phase II, in Goodyear; Ellsworth Channel in Mesa; and Hawes Road Channel, in Mesa. He advised that the Laveen and 43rd Avenue projects should start in the near future.

Mr. Ellegood requested \$48.6 million in CIP which he reported includes \$28.58 million for construction costs. Design costs of \$9.9 million include \$7 million for planning expenses. In response to questions from Chairman Stapley, Mr. Ellegood advised that the floodplane delineation is not part of the CIP but is a separate program.

Mr. Ellegood explained that the FCD looks at the feasibility of projects before accepting responsibility because of increased costs for right-of-way acquisition and declining partnerships. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of funding available to the County from cities. Dick Perreault, CIP Manager, cited the example of the DMF Basin in the East Valley, which experienced large increases, and caused the FCD to re-look at its feasibility. Mr. Ellegood explained that project partnerships are declining because many cities are not able to contribute their share of costs. He noted that some projects are unilateral projects in the unincorporated parts of Maricopa County which is solely Maricopa County's responsibility. Other projects remain un-funded.

In response to questions from Supervisor Brock regarding Park and Ride facilities, Mr. Ellegood advised that during the planning of the West Valley Recreational Area the FCD worked with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the cities to include Park and Ride and trail heads facilities. He explained that the FCD's charter is limited. He added that FCD considers these facilities, but Arizona Revised Statutes limit the District's role.

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Dick Perreault presented an overview of partnership funding. The Arlington School project, for acquisition and the demolition of the property, is estimated at \$1.4 million. He noted that the State is looking at building a new school out of the floodplane. The CIP is only for the FCD's costs. Skunk Creek project was a parcel of excess land sold to the City of Peoria. Peoria did not have enough money to pay for the entire acquisition, but will pay for half of the real estate appraisal. They will assume maintenance of the project as the other half of their share. To reduce maintenance costs, FCD agreed to cost share a low flow channel.

Mr. Perreault reported that the Elliot Road and Sunland Springs/Siphon Draw projects are continuing as part of a larger project which has been underway for several years. The cities offered to pay less than fifty percent of the costs. Our intention is to only pay for half of the costs. The FCD has not negotiated the final agreement. Skunk Creek Floodprone Project in District 3 is totally Maricopa County's responsibility as it is in the unincorporated County. It is estimated to cost \$2.8 million.

Mr. Perreault continued that the Doubletree Ranch Road Drainage System's costs will be shared 60 percent by FCD with 40 percent contributed by the Town of Paradise Valley. In addition, Paradise Valley has agreed to pay the total costs for road improvements. Regarding the Guadalupe Flood Control Project, the FCD will pay for capital and construction costs; the Town will assume the maintenance and operations expenses and pay for some amenities they requested.

Mr. Perreault advised that the Laveen and 43rd Avenue projects are two components of one larger project. FCD is sharing fifty percent of the costs with Phoenix, SRP, and the County Transportation Department. The Elliot Basin and Channel will be shared evenly with Mesa. The Cities of Glendale and Peoria will contribute fifty percent of the Bethany Home Outfall Channel's costs. The Bullard Wash Channel/Basins will be shared fifty percent with the Town of Goodyear. Mr. Perreault continued that the Ellsworth Channel will be paid for by a 10 percent contribution by ADOT, 40 percent from Mesa, and the FCD will pay 50 percent. Lastly, the City of Mesa will contribute 35 percent for the Hawes Road Channel, and Maricopa County will assume 65 percent of the projects' costs.

Mr. Perreault reported that the FCD receives a 30-35% reimbursement rate on the total CIP. In response to questions from Chairman Stapley, Mr. Perreault clarified that the CIP funding request includes FCD expenditures only and does not include reimbursement values.

Supervisor Wilcox praised the Flood Control District for negotiating private partnerships.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilcox, seconded by Supervisor Brock, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the CIP budget of \$48.6 million.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board